

# BEST FOR ALL DISTRICT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

*Celebrating Strategic Spending on Student Achievement*



*Tennessee Districts Recognized Statewide with Benefits for Investing in Student Outcomes*

The Tennessee Department of Education announced 68 districts received statewide recognition as a Best for All District. The Best for All recognition program awards benefits to school districts that designated historic amounts of federal relief funding directly for student achievement to improve academic outcomes.

The department announced the Best for All recognition program in July of 2021, sharing financial, operational, celebratory, and resource benefits awarded to the selected Tennessee school districts. Their intentional work to plan, designate, and spend historical federal funding amounts directly on student achievement will improve academic outcomes.

“*Best for All Districts are meeting this critical moment in time head on, building upon statewide momentum to focus their efforts on students-first work and outcomes. I couldn't be more proud to celebrate their systems, communities, and teams who are so well-deserving of this recognition as we accelerate achievement each day moving forward!*

- Commissioner Penny Schwinn

Beginning in 2020, the U.S. Congress responded to the global COVID-19 health pandemic by passing several pieces of legislation, and as a result Tennessee is benefitting from over \$4.5 billion for K-12 education to be spent between spring 2020 and fall 2024.

Through three rounds of funding referred to as ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 funds, over \$3.58 billion will flow directly to local school districts to decide how to spend.

The department understands the importance of rewarding **investments in mission-critical initiatives** that are most likely to benefit students. Best for All Districts strategically planned for and invested in ways that are likely to accelerate student achievement. To qualify for the Best for All recognition program, a district spent an amount equal to 50% of its ESSER 3.0 award amount on proven, research-based strategies to raise student academic achievement and is participating in the TN ALL Corps tutoring grant program to provide students with high dosage, low ratio tutoring opportunities.

» Further, these districts will have the opportunity to celebrate **#BestForAllDay**, a statewide celebration opportunity to recognize school districts across all grand divisions who are leading in their strategic spending, thoughtful planning, and student-first investments.

Districts are invited to plan a local celebration, inviting their community members, stakeholders, partners, families, and students to celebrate their upcoming work connected to key strategic investments. Furthermore, districts are encouraged to use this opportunity to recruit additional members for their tutoring programs and support opportunities.





# BEST FOR ALL DISTRICTS

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 68 DISTRICTS

### Achievement School District

Alamo City Schools

### Anderson County Schools

Athens City Schools

Bartlett City Schools

Bedford County Schools

Benton County Schools

Blount County Schools

Bristol City Schools

Cannon County Schools

Carter County Schools

Cheatham County Schools

Cleveland City Schools

Clinton City Schools

Crockett County Schools

### Metro Nashville Public Schools

DeKalb County Schools

Dickson County Schools

Dyer County Schools

Dyersburg City Schools

Elizabethton City Schools

Etowah City Schools

Fentress County Schools

### Franklin County Schools

Gibson County Schools

Giles County Schools

Grainger County Schools

Greene County Schools

Grundy County Schools

Hamilton County Schools

Haywood County Schools

Henderson County Schools

Henry County Schools

Hickman County Schools

Houston County Schools

Jackson County Schools

Jefferson County Schools

Knox County Schools

Lauderdale County Schools

Lawrence County Schools

Lenoir City Schools

Lexington City Schools

Lincoln County Schools

Loudon County Schools

Manchester City Schools

Maury County Schools

### Milan Special School District

Monroe County Schools

Moore County Schools

Morgan County Schools

Murfreesboro City Schools

Oak Ridge City Schools

Obion County Schools

Paris Special School District

Putnam County Schools

Rogersville City Schools

Rutherford County Schools

Sevier County Schools

Shelby County Schools

Sweetwater City Schools

Tennessee Public Charter  
School Commission

Tennessee School for the Blind

Trousdale County Schools

Unicoi County Schools

Union County Schools

Washington County Schools

Wayne County Schools

Wilson County Schools